नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) गुजरात राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि राज्य के शहरी क्षेत्रों में वर्ष 1991-92 तथा 1992-93 में क्रमशः 71 व 33 उपभोक्ता सहकारी समितियां पंजीकृत की गई थीं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Ration cards issued to beneficiaries

3265. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 679 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1993 and state :

(a) whether Government have any estimate about the number of Ration Cards issued so far to the beneftc'aries in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Ration cards are issued by State Government and UT Administrations, on application, to the consumer households in their respective States/UTs. As per information available, the number of ration cards issued by the State Governments/UT Administrations in the country, as on 1-1-1992 is approximately 14.2 crores.

Adverse effects of import of 'edible oil on oilseed growers

3266. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 47,000 tonnes of edible oil has been im ported from U.S.A. and about the same quantity is likely to be imported in the near future;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the import and release of edible oil in the market has led to crash in the prices of oil seeds;

(c) whether such steps are likely to affect adversely the interests of growers of oilseeds if so, whether Government have taken into consideration the interests of local growers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to protect their interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE 1 (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A quantity of 47,000 MTs (approx.)